

Senate Bill #439

An Act Concerning State Service Retirement Credit

February 25, 2015

To: Dear Labor Committee Members

As Chairman of the State Emergency Response Commission, it has come to my attention that an injustice has been going on in the DEEP Emergency Response Unit relative to promotional opportunities in the management of this unit.

When the current Director was promoted to this Management position he had to resign from the ERU pension and accept a new pension plan which essentially reduced his pension for accepting a promotion. In my opinion it is counter productive to promote good people into management positions when it cost them pension dollars to accept such a position. Why would you accept a position of increased responsibility without a commensurate increase in benefits.

It appears obvious that if the Department wishes to promote good people from within the department to management positions, people with obvious training and experience in the department this policy of changing pension plans has to cease for the benefit of the people of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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Chairman of the SERC

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